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TITLE OF INVENTION: STERICALLY HINDERED POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) ALKANOIC ACIDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

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